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Chairman Pat Miller c/o Sharla Dillon, Docket Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and Increase Certain Rates and Charges So As to Permit It to Earn a Fair and Adequate Rate of Return on Its Property Used and Useful In Furnishing Water Service to Its Customers, Docket No. 04-00288.

Dear Chairman Miller:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the following documents:

- 1. Tennessee American Water Company's Response in Opposition to the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division's Motion to Compel;
- 2. Affidavit of Michael A. Miller filed in support of the above-mentioned document; and
- 3. Affidavit of Paul T. Diskin filed in support of the above-mentioned document referenced in numbered paragraph 1, above.

Should you have any questions with respect to these filings, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed above.

Very truly yours,
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cc: Henry Walker, Esq.
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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 2005 JAN 14 AM 0: 03

IN RE:	T.R.A. DOCKET ROOM
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TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO COMPEL

Petitioner Tennessee American Water Company respectfully submits that the Consumer Advocate's Motion to Compel is not well taken and should be denied. At issue is the Consumer Advocate's discovery request 43:

Provide copies of any correspondence, notes, e-mails, reports or other documents from RWE or RWE Thames Water to American Water or Tennessee American where RWE or RWE Thames informs American Water or Tennessee American that RWE Thames must achieve an overall return on capital of 8 percent annually.

Tennessee American Water responded as follows:

Petitioner objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Without waiving these objections, Petitioner states that the return on capital employed target set for the RWE Thames Water division of the company is 8%. Capital employed includes equity capital as well as external capital. For the RWE Thames Water division, of which American Water is a part, this would include capital employed in both regulated and unregulated enterprises.

Thus, Tennessee American duly asserted proper objections to this extremely broad and burdensome request, and also provided a substantive answer to the question. According to the

Consumer Advocate, this response was filed on December 2, 2004; it was certainly filed and received by the Consumer Advocate no later than December 3, 2004. This was pursuant to an agreement between the parties and their counsel that the Consumer Advocate would have no objection to this schedule so long as the response was received by December 3, 2004. A letter memorializing this agreement was faxed to the Hearing Officer and all counsel on December 1, 2004.

After receiving the response to request 43, Tennessee American and the Consumer Advocate discussed the sufficiency of the response. Ultimately, after Tennessee American reiterated its objections and answer, the Consumer Advocate advised on December 16, 2004, that he would not file a motion to compel regarding request 43, but would object if Tennessee American were to file any of the requested documents later in the case. So the matter rested for nearly four weeks until Tennessee American received the present Motion to Compel late on Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

The Motion to Compel should be denied for the following reasons:

1. The discovery request is clearly over broad and unduly burdensome. A simple review of the language of the request itself makes this obvious. Not that there is a huge number of requested documents, but rather the scope of the search that would be required to determine whether any such documents even exist would itself be extremely burdensome. To comply with the request, Tennessee American would have to locate and review thousands of documents many of which are neither in its possession or control nor relevant to any issue in this matter. In addition, the request would seem to require Tennessee American to search for documents in the files and computers of several entities, including RWE, RWE/Thames, and American Water, in addition to Tennessee American's own files. See Affidavit of Michael A Miller ¶ 3 (January 13,

2005)("Miller Affidavit"); Affidavit of Paul T. Diskin ¶ 3 (January 13, 2005)("Diskin Affidavit"). In effect, the Consumer Advocate's request identified several haystacks, and sought to require Tennessee American to endeavor to find out if there were a needle in one of them.

This is a misuse of the discovery process.

- 2. Tennessee American provided an answer to the question despite having legitimate objections. Not only did Tennessee American assert objections to this onerous discovery request, it also answered that "the return on capital employed target set for the RWE Thames Water division of the company is 8%." The answer went on to explain what was meant by the term "capital employed" in this context. Since Tennessee American has answered the question, the Consumer Advocate's insistence on a search of emails, correspondence, notes, reports, or other documents is wasteful, duplicative, and unreasonable.
- 3. There are no documents as described in the request that are relevant either to this matter in general or to any planned contradiction of the testimony of Dr. Brown. The Consumer Advocate argues that information might possibly be obtained from such a massive document search that would be pertinent to the extent "TAWC intends to contradict Dr. Brown's observation that the 8% return sought in this matter by TAWC is the result of an arbitrary directive from the parent company of TAWC." Such a search would be futile. Tennessee American's witnesses Paul T. Diskin and Michael A. Miller have filed affidavits stating that they are the ones responsible for preparing and presenting Tennessee American's petition in this docket. Mr. Diskin is "responsible for the revenue, operating expenses, depreciation, taxes and rate base portions of this proceeding" and is "the Company witness supporting the majority of those adjustments." Diskin Affidavit at ¶ 2. Mr. Miller is "responsible for the overall Petition" and is the "witness presenting the Company's overall cost of capital and capital structure

included in the filing." Miller Affidavit at ¶ 2. Certainly if the 8% return sought in this matter were the result of the "arbitrary directive from the parent companies of TAWC," then these witnesses would have knowledge of it. To the contrary, both witnesses deny receiving or being aware of any document containing such arbitrary directive. Diskin Affidavit at ¶ 6; Miller Affidavit at ¶ 6. Further they deny receiving any such instruction, directive, or mandate, in verbal or written form. Diskin Affidavit at ¶ 7; Miller Affidavit at ¶ 7. Tennessee American does intend to contradict Dr. Brown's incorrect assumption about the 8% return, but the sworn testimony of Mr. Diskin and Mr. Miller establish that no parent company "directive" drove the analysis that resulted in the return on capital being sought in this case.

- 4. Tennessee American's response to discovery request 43 was filed no later than December 3, 2004, in accordance with the parties' agreement. It is surprising that the Consumer Advocate would mention, albeit only in a footnote, that Tennessee American's response was filed outside the time period prescribed in the Hearing Officer's Order. The parties had agreed that filing by December 3, 2004, would be acceptable to the Consumer Advocate. See Letter to Hearing Officer Stone (December 1, 2004) (attached as Exhibit 1). Tennessee American honored that agreement.
- American's response to discovery request 43, they reached a resolution. The Consumer Advocate's motion asserts that the "Consumer Advocate has previously sought to work through these discovery disputes informally, but was unable to do so." This is another surprising claim. The parties had several communications concerning Tennessee American's response, resulting in the Consumer Advocate's statement on December 16, 2004, that he would not file a motion to compel but would object if Tennessee American filed any of the requested documents later in the

case. See Timothy Phillips to Dale Grimes Email (December 16, 2004) (attached as Exhibit 2). Since that time, there has been no change in circumstances that would justify the precipitous filing of this motion. Tennessee American has stood by the parties' understanding. The Consumer Advocate should do likewise

For all the foregoing reasons, the Consumer Advocate's Motion to Compel should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response in Opposition to Consumer Advocate's Motion to Compel has been served via the method(s) indicated, on this the 13th day of January, 2005, upon the following:

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Re: Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and Increase Certain Rates and Charges So As to Permit It to Earn a Fair and Adequate Rate of Return on Its Property Used and Useful In Furnishing Water Service to Its Customers, Docket No. 04-00288.

Dear Hearing Officer Stone:

We wanted to let you know about a delay in a few of our discovery responses. Paul Diskin of Tennessee American Water Company filed the responses to the Consumer Advocate's second set of interrogatories today with the exception of responses to interrogatories 41, 43, and 50. We understand that Mr. Diskin advised Mike Chrysler that he hoped to respond to those three interrogatories very soon and that Mr. Chrysler had no objection. Davidson French, a lawyer in our office, informed Joe Shirley of this situation today, and Mr. Shirley indicated that there should not be any problem if the remaining responses were filed by Friday, December 3, 2004.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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EXHIBIT ____

Grimes, Dale

From: Timothy Phillips [Timothy Phillips@state tn us]

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2004 11 57 AM

To: Grimes, Dale

Cc: Joe Shirley; Timothy Phillips

Subject: tawc

I will not be filing a motion to compel regarding # 43, based on your assertion that there is nothing in these documents that would lead to discovery information. If TAWC files any of these documents later in this case, will object to TAWC's conduct.

Thanks.

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Docket No. 04-00288

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL A. MILLER

I, Michael Miller, after being duly sworn, state:

- I am the Treasurer/Comptroller for five Southeast Region regulated subsidiaries of American Water Works Service Company. The Southeast Region companies are located in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee (Tennessee-American Water Company), Virginia, and Maryland. I am responsible for overseeing the rates and revenue, accounting, finance, budgets, and cash management functions for each of the operating companies in the Southeast Region, including Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAWC") I am over twenty-one (21) years of age, and am otherwise competent to testify. The following statement is a true and accurate account of my own personal knowledge and information.
- 2. Paul Diskin and I have been responsible for preparing and presenting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and Increase Certain Rates and Charges so as to Permit It to Earn a Fair and Adequate Rate of Return on its Property Used and Useful in Furnishing Water Service to Its Customers (TRA Docket No. 04-00288). I am responsible for the overall Petition and I am the Company witness

presenting and supporting the Company's overall cost of capital and capital structure included in the filing

- During discovery in this proceeding, in its Discovery Request No. 43, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("CAPD"), asked TAWC to "provide copies of any correspondence, notes, e-mails, reports or other documents from RWE or RWE Thames Water to American Water or Tennessee American where RWE or RWE Thames informs American Water or Tennessee American that RWE/Thames must achieve an overall return on capital of 8 percent annually " In order to comply with this request, TAWC would have had to locate and review thousands of documents, many of which are neither in its possession or control nor relevant to any issue in this matter. In addition, the request would seem to require TAWC to search for documents in the files and computers of several entities, including RWE, RWE/Thames, and American Water, in addition to its own files.
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- 5. I understand that the CAPD now has filed a Motion to Compel TAWC to provide a supplemental response to Discovery Request No. 43.
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FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.	Michael A. Miller
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF Kanawha)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named Michael Miller, who, after having been duly sworn, executed the foregoing Affidavit for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 23 day of January, 2005

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Michael A. Miller has been served via the method(s) indicated, on this the the day of January, 2005, upon the following:

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AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL T. DISKIN

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I, Paul Diskin, after being duly sworn, state:

SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS

- 1. I am the Manager of Rates and Regulations for the Southeast Region of American Water Works Service Company located at 800 W. Hershey Park Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania. I supervise and coordinate the preparation of data and various exhibits in rate matters as well as maintaining and administering the Company's tariffs. I also present testimony in formal rate cases and other regulatory proceedings.
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FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.	Paul T. Diskin	
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
COUNTY OF Dawshin)	

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named Paul T. Diskin, who, after having been duly sworn, executed the foregoing Affidavit for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 13 day of January, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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NOTARIAL SEAL Emily T. Hicks, Notary Public Derry Township Dauphin County My Commission Expires March 4, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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